

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the clause as amended carry?  
Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Clause 17: when we were discussing section 17, the point was raised that in the wording of (b) of 17, the definition of "organizations incorporated under the Companies Act 1934" was restrictive, and that it did, in fact, exclude those organizations it was intended to authorize the commission to give information to, and required amendment. I am now to say that my advice is that if, after "the Companies Act 1934" in line 7 on page 8, the words "or by the authority of any other Act of the parliament of Canada" are added, that that will provide for the authority to those whom it is desired may be eligible. Will someone move that now?

Mr. GOODE: I will move that.

The CHAIRMAN: It is moved by Mr. Goode, and seconded by Mr. Dickey.

Mr. GOODE: Speaking to that motion, Mr. Chairman, would a law adviser here tell us whether this will cover other known veterans associations? There was some concern in the committee the other day that there were some of the big associations that will be left out. Are you convinced in your mind it will cover everything?

Mr. GUNN: It will cover all the organizations that have been incorporated by special statutes of the parliament of Canada, and as we know, there are some corporations that are incorporated under the Companies Act, and others get incorporated by special act. Before, we had to go on with the one clause, and now we have the other.

Mr. GOODE: You are convinced this new condition to this Act will completely cover things?

Mr. GUNN: It will cover all companies incorporated under the federal jurisdiction.

Mr. QUELCH: Does that cover all those that are members of the National Veterans Council?

The CHAIRMAN: It covers the National Council itself. What about the blind?

Mr. BURNS: The blind do not do this kind of work. It covers the Amps, and all major organizations.

Mr. QUELCH: Army and Navy Veterans association?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, the Amps and Army and Navy.

Mr. QUELCH: It will not cover the Armed Combat Veterans Association of British Columbia?

The CHAIRMAN: It will not.

Mr. QUELCH: Well, Mr. Chairman, sometimes things are done at the time without realizing, and then members say afterwards, "We did not know". Now, there will be very bitter criticism from that organization when it is found that by amendment we had cut that organization out of it.

The CHAIRMAN: I want to correct that impression right away. They are not cut out of anything they had before. The Department of Veterans Affairs has the power to authorize and to restrict authorization and even when this carries it will be possible for the Department of Veterans Affairs to rule in the interests of the veteran himself that any one of these agencies should be debarred.

Mr. QUELCH: In the past it has been the custom for the Pensions Commission to allow, apparently, a member of that organization to appear on behalf of a veteran and see the files: you have had certain occasions, and no doubt on certain occasions you have regretted you have done it. I am not